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William Hartſhorne and *Company*,

Have for ſale at their ſtore on Col. Hooe's wharf,

BARBADOES ſugar in hogſheads and barrels, Weſt-India and Continental rum, ſalt mackerel, herrings, Iriſh beef, regulated fifty-ſix weights, bar-iron and hollow ware by the ton, among the latter are very neat Dutch ovens, feathers, porter and Engliſh ale in bottles, a few caſes of excellent claret, genuine Port and Fayal wine, wine de graave and claret in caſks, race ginger, black pepper, neat mahogany chairs, bran and ſhorts by the buſhel, ſhip ſtuff and middlings by the barrel, with a variety of DRY-GOODS, by wholeſale and retail, part of which will be ſold at a very moderate advance for ready pay.

LOTS in town to ſell or rent; alſo, a few half acre lots about half a mile from town, for ſale.

Alexandria, Sept. 6, 1787.

☞ They give ready-money for good GENSANG.

John Alliſon,

Has for ſale at his ſtore,
Freſh well cleaned

Timothy Seed.

Alexandria, Auguſt 30, 1787.

MONDAY the 6th inſtant, having been the day appointed by law for holding the annual general meeting of the Potomack Company, and alſo by the Board of Directors for making ſale of the ſhares of ſuch of the members as did not make the payments that had been called for on their ſeveral ſhares, but a ſufficient number of proprietors not appearing to form a meeting, it was thought adviſeable by the members preſent, in purſuance of the directions of the law, in that caſe made and provided, to adjourn the ſame until the 22d day of October next, and alſo to poſtpone the ſale of the ſhares advertiſed until that time, when it is earneſtly wiſhed that as many of the proprietors as poſſibly can, will attend at George-Town in Maryland, either perſonally or by attorney.

JOHN POTTS, jun. Secretary.

Auguſt 15, 1787.

To be LET,

For one year or a term of years.

THE three ſtory BRICK HOUSE, at preſent occupied by Mr. Hannah, as a Coffee-Houſe.—Poſſeſſion will be given the fourth of December next.—Alſo a HOUSE adjoining that I live in.—For particulars apply to

ROBERT LYLE, ſenior.

Alexandria, Sept. 6, 1787.

A CERTAIN WILLIAM TWINUM, who was committed to the gaol of Fairfax County, on the 14th of June laſt, on ſuſpicion of being a horſe thief, ſent to my ſtable a ſmall bay MARE, 4 or 5 years old, and about 13 hands high.—As the ſaid Twinum has ſince broke gaol.—Any perſon applying for the ſaid mare, proving their property and paying charges, may have her, otherwiſe ſhe will be ſold to pay the expence of keeping.

ALEXANDER SMITH.

Alexandria, Sept. 6, 1787.

To be SOLD

In fee-ſimple,

A PLANTATION lying on the North-Run of Pohick, 8 miles from Alexandria, containing 330 acres, about 50 of which are cleared.—The land is in general good, has a good dwelling-houſe on it, with other conveniencies, a good mill-ſeat ſupported by a good ſtream of water.—It now lets for 2500 *lb.* of crop tobacco per annum.—An indiſputable title will be given with a general warranty.——Terms of ſale may be known and the deed ſeen by applying to

JAMES RATTLE.

Alexandria, July 26, 1787.

William Newton and *Company*,

Have juſt received a ſupply of GOODS ſuitable to the preſent and approaching ſeaſon, which they will ſell by wholeſale or retail, at their ſtore on King-ſtreet, next door to Mr. Smith's tavern, among which are the following, viz.

MENS' thread and worſted hoſe, beſt figured and ſpotted napkins, ½ ell and ¼ modes from 2/11 to 4/6 coſt, 5-4, 6-4, 7-4 and 10-12 tablecloths, ladies' coloured ſatin mits, ditto white ditto ditto, ditto coloured ditto gloves, ditto white ditto ditto, ſilk and thread edgings, ditto and ditto laces, double bordered gauze handkerchiefs, coarſe and fine cambricks, ribbons of different colours and figures, plain, white and black gauzes, figured ditto ditto ditto, beſt London pins, ſewing ſilk of different colours, ſmall and large ſhirt buttons of the beſt quality, plated ſtirrups and bridle bits of the neweſt faſhion, mens' and womens' leather ſhoes, beſt ſcented burgamot in ſmall bottles, queens' and glaſs ware, 4-4 green coatings, 4-4 brown ditto, blue ſtrouds, green frize from 14d. to 18d. coſt, muſtard in half pound bottles, mens' and boys' hats, and a number of other articles too tedious to enumerate in an advertiſement, all of which will be ſold on very low terms for caſh or country produce.

Alexandria, Sept. 6, 1787.

To be let to the *loweſt bidder*, at the Court-Houſe in Alexandria, on Saturday the 22d inſtant, at noon,

THE encloſing of the Church-Yard and erecting a ſmall framed houſe for a ſexton: The encloſure to be made with locuſt or cedar poſts and inch boards in the common way, except 100 feet thereof, which is to be paled in a plain manner. The poſts to be nine feet long, ſet three feet in the ground, and ſix feet apart; there are to be two gates, and the encloſure will meaſure about 914 feet all round; the houſe is to be built on one corner, with a brick-chimney, of one ſtory, without a cellar, and muſt not be leſs in dimenſions than 16 feet ſquare.

WILLIAM LYLES.
WILLIAM BROWN.

Alexandria, Sept. 13, 1787.

For SALE on Friday the 21ſt inſtant,

THE HOUSE and LOT lately occupied by Mrs. Margaret Pratt.—It will be diſpoſed of (ſubject to an annual ground-rent of £. 15 payable the firſt of July, the ſum of £. 30 due the firſt of July laſt) for the ſhorteſt term of years.—The purchaſer to have the houſe finiſhed and leave it in good repair.——I will ſell for caſh or military warrants, from one to ten acres of LAND in the commons near Alexandria, and a valuable WATER-LOT at the lower end of the town.

SAMUEL ARELL.

September 13, 1787.

For SALE,

A POST-CHAISE or CHARIOT, with HARNESS complete for four horſes.—It was imported from London in 1784; the body is roomy and mounted on iron crane-necks.—If agreeable to the purchaſer, a ſet of four well matched gray HORSES will be ſold with it, they are full 15 hands high, middle aged, and draw well.—The money for the horſes and part for the carriage muſt be paid down, and a reaſonable credit will be allowed for the balance.

GEORGE MASON, jun.

Lexington, Sept. 11, 1787.

A SADDLE LOST,

ON the evening of the 23d ult. about a mile and a half beyond Four-Mile-Run.—The ſaddle has plated buttons and ſtirrup-irons, blue ſaddle-cloth, with which the pummel was alſo covered, and white binding.—As it was ſecured by a double girth and ſurcingle, it was probably taken off by ſome perſon.—Whoever returns the ſaddle to the Subſcriber, ſhall receive TWO DOLLARS reward and no queſtions aſked. JOHN KEAN.

Alexandria, Sept. 13, 1787.

Robinſon, *Sanderſon* and *Rumney*,

Have for ſale at their ſtore on Fairfax-ſtreet,

A FEW puncheons of old Jamaica ſpirits,
Windward Iſland rum in puncheons,
Genuine red Port in caſks of 3 dozen each,
London porter of an excellent quality,
Glouceſter cheeſe,
Loaf ſugar,
Window-glaſs,
Fine beef and pork in barrels,
Herrings in ditto,
Liverpool ſalt,
A quantity of tar, &c.

Which, with an aſſortment of DRY-GOODS on hand, will be ſold on reaſonable terms, by wholeſale only.

Alexandria, Auguſt 23, 1787.

On the 31ſt day of October next, will be peremptorily ſold on the premiſes, to the higheſt bidder,

FOURTEEN LOTS of GROUND, on Queen and Waſhington ſtreets, late the property of JOHN BRYCE, deceaſed, and conveyed to the Subſcribers by the heir at law, for behoof of the creditors of the ſaid John Bryce.

And on the 26th of November next, a dividend will be made among ſuch of the creditors, as ſhall by that time have lodged with the Subſcribers, their accounts legally proved, of which all perſons concerned are deſired to take notice.

ROBERT BRYCE,
WILLIAM WILSON.

Alexandria, Auguſt 30, 1787.

To be leaſed or ſold on the premiſes in October next,

A VALUABLE tract of LAND on Sleepy-Creek, near Bath in Berkeley county, containing 553 acres.——Another tract on the branches of Cabin-Run, a branch of Patterſon's-Creek, in Hampſhire county, containing 477 acres.—Alſo another tract on the north fork of Patterſon's-Creek, at a place called the Horſe-Pen-Lick, on the Pack-horſe-road, in Hampſhire county, containing 341 acres.—Theſe lands will be either laid off in lots or leaſed or ſold in whole tracts, as may beſt ſuit the people who may apply.—They are well watered and timbered, the ſoil excellent and well calculated for farming or planting. I will attend early in October at Bath, and from thence will proceed to the other lands.

THOMAS DENT.

Auguſt 23, 1787.

THE Subſcribers will let on eaſy terms, that commodious STORE they at preſent occupy, on the corner of Fairfax and Queen ſtreets, which, is in every reſpect, as well calculated for carrying on extenſive wholeſale buſineſs as any in the State. As they have diſpoſed of the ſtock of goods they had on hand, they are deſirous of cloſing the buſineſs of the concern as early as poſſible; they therefore earneſtly requeſt all who are indebted to them, either by bond, note or account, to pay their reſpective balances, that they may be thereby enabled to diſcharge the debts they owe to others; and ſuch as have claims againſt them, are requeſted to produce them, that they may be adjuſted and ſettled.——Application may be made to either of the partners.

HERBERT and POTTS.

Alexandria, Auguſt 16, 1787.

NOTICE is hereby given that a petition will be preſented to the enſuing General Aſſembly of the State of Virginia, for a diviſion of the lands and other property belonging to the Principio Company, lying in the ſaid State, and for veſting in the executors of Auguſtine Waſhington, deceaſed, their proportion of the ſaid eſtate.

September 13, 1787.

To be SOLD for Ready-Money,

A NEGRO WOMAN, about 40 years of age, and her ſix children, from a year old, to 18 or 19.—The price £. 180 which is above a fourth leſs than their value at a moderate valuation.—To be diſpoſed of all together, and within three months.—Apply to the Printers.

Auguſt 23, 1787.

HAGUE, June 22.

THE bold enterprise planned and executed by Lieutenant-Colonel Balneavis does too much honor to his courage and presence of mind, for us to omit mentioning the particulars of the occurrence—That officer, who had been suspended by the States of Holland for having remained faithful to his oath, presented himself (in consequence of the orders of the Council of State) before Oudewater to resume his post, but they refused him entrance into the city. He got himself introduced, however, disguised in the habit of a peasant, driving a cart loaded with greens. At a signal which he made to his brave soldiers, who were acquainted beforehand with his arrival, and who waited for him on the ramparts, they came to him, and, sword in hand, forced the guard of the Patriots, and introduced him into the city. He immediately marched with his troops to Colonel Van Citters, the Commander of the city, who was still in bed, and made him prisoner. The alarm being given, the officers in vain did every thing in their power to retain their men; one of them even was bold enough to force his way through the crowd, and presented a pistol to Mr. Balneavis, but was happily stopped in time and made prisoner, together with many others of his comrades, among whom they found a great number of French names. When Mr. Balneavis was sure of them, he assembled all the soldiers in the city, to the number of about 600, including those of the regiments of Stuart and Grenier, seized the magazines, out of which he took every thing he wanted, as well as the treasure of the battalion, and, after having spiked the cannon, he went out with drums beating and colours flying.

LONDON, July 2.

Accounts received from Hamburgh, say, that a fire has just happened in the north quarter of that city, which has destroyed upwards of 200 houses, with warehouses and other out-buildings to a considerable amount.

July 3. As the following paragraph comes from the highest authority, and is of the utmost consequence to the commercial interest of Britain, it is much to be wished that it may be copied into every public print:

By the first article of an arret promulgated by the Council of France, dated the 6th of May last, the proprietors of British goods, or their representatives, must prove by affidavits made before the Magistrates, or custom-house officers, of the British port where the goods are shipped, that said goods or merchandises are of the growth or fabrication of Great-Britain; and the cockets, bills of lading, and sea-papers, must certify that they have been laden in one of the ports of Great-Britain. It further enacts, that the affidavits made to prove that the cotton stuffs exported to France are of British manufacture, must also mention the marks wherewith each piece, &c. is marked in order that they may be distinguished from the cotton stuffs fabricated in the East-Indies, or in other foreign countries.

The duties paid last week, at the custom-house, on goods imported from our own colonies, and the States of America, exclusive of the duties received on merchandise from all other parts of the world, amounted on an average to *six thousand pounds a day*, and on Saturday to near *ten thousand*. And we have the pleasure to add to this extraordinary account of our *import* trade, that the quantity of British manufactures and produce recently *exported*, have greatly exceeded in value the goods imported. On Saturday last near one hundred and fifty entries were passed, between the hours of eleven and two o'clock, to the value of at least three hundred and fifty thousand pounds; four fifths of which were in British and Irish manufactures, which made a clear gain to these kingdoms of at least one hundred and twenty thousand pounds. The goods entered by one house only, which were included in two entries, were worth a hundred thousand pounds.

So little confidence is placed in the veracity of the Dutch prints, that the account of the seizing and imprisoning the Stadtholder's Royal Consort, is generally discredited; though it is certain, that the public relation of that event is corroborated by private letters from Holland.

It is said, but upon what authority we know not, that the story of the Princess of Orange having been taken prisoner arose from her having been refused a passage through a town between Amersfort and Nimeguen, in consequence of her having forgotten to bring a passport; for which her Royal Highness was obliged to return back.

By a gentleman, who arrived from Amsterdam last week, we are informed, that every thing relative to *mob commotions* was perfectly quiet; though he says, at the same time, that the animosity of parties seems so violent and rooted, that however lenient measures may restore the peace of government, nothing but time can establish it amongst individuals.

We are informed from respectable authority, that the French Ministry last week despatched two private memorials; one to the British, another to the Court of Berlin, to the following purpose:

"That in the present commotions in Holland, it is their fixed and decided determination not to intermeddle, except separately, or conjunctively, called upon as *mediators*; but if any power in Europe shall take up arms either for or against the republic, they no longer hold themselves pledged to this determination; but shall consider themselves at liberty to act as the exigencies of affairs may require."

July 5. The following is a more full and particular account of the event of her Serene Highness the Princess of Orange being stopped near Oudewater, in South-Holland, while she was on the way to the Hague, than we gave before:

"On the day following that in which the Stadtholder set off from Nimuguen for Rheneim and Amersfort, the Princess set off with her eldest son, William George Augustus, very privately in a small vessel down the river by Tuille to Gorcum, where she arrived in the evening of the 26th of June, and the next morning she went in a post-coach, with the Prince, Comte Bentick, and General Deroeds (who met her at Gorcum) to Schoonhoven, which is on the north side of the Mease, and where they arrived on the 27th. The next morning the Princess and her son, in a travelling carriage, went from Schoonhoven with an intent of going directly to the Hague, from which it is distant about twenty miles. On the road her carriage was stopped by some armed burghers who are not in the Princess's interest; who after some delay, conducted her back to Schoonhoven, where they have literally a guard over her till they hear from the Hague. The young Prince is about 17 years of age."

Liverpool, June 19. Captain Younghusband, of the brig Pearson, who arrived on Thursday from Antigua, spoke, near the banks of Newfoundland, the Success, belonging to Whitehaven, from Virginia, bound to Dieppe, out 19 days, all well; at same time he passed several islands of ice of most amazing magnitude; they were grounded in 40 fathom water, were considerably higher above water, than his top-gallant-mast head, and appeared to be one mile in circumference; a great number of Newfoundland and other vessels were fishing under the lee of them.

AUGUSTA, *(Georgia)* August 11.

IN COUNCIL, August 8, 1787.

Ordered,

THAT the talk received from the Fat King, and the answer thereto, be published in the State Gazette.

Extract from the Minutes,

JAMES MERIWETHER, S. E. C.

In a meeting of the Lower Creeks, held in the Cussitahs, July 27, 1787.

Talk of the Fat King, to his Honor Governor Matthews, and the Council, &c.

Friends and Brothers,

THE talk you sent us in answer to ours by your commissary, Mr. Barnard, we have seen this day; and as that talk is not deemed satisfactory by our people, we have agreed upon to send you this one more.

Friends,

It is not we that have forgot the talks at Shoulder-Bone, but you. Among other things it was proposed by you, and agreed to by us, that no hasty revenges should be taken in future by either side, and in the late affair it is you that have been rash, for when the injury was done to you, you did not wait but for a little while and look around you, to find out from whence the blow came, but directly fell upon our people, your real friends, who were daily among your horses, and whose persons you well knew, and some that were taken declared themselves and town to you, which you disregarded; it might have been from people of another nation for what you knew at the time.

Friends,

You ought not to think of making us accountable for any measures of the Upper-Towns, our brothers, they had two men killed last summer, and they can answer for themselves; and they went against you unknown to M'Gillivray or us, and he did not mean to break the promise he had made to Mr. White, as he had declared to the whole nation, and a talk from him is still expected by us.

Friends,

You must give us immediate and ample satisfaction—life for life—an equal number for 12 of our people destroyed by you. The leader of those mad people that did the mischief, and so many of his people shall fall for satisfaction (it is our custom so to give it.) Then the tears of the relations of the dead will be dried up, and our hearts not continue hot against you. For it is in vain that you call us friends and brothers, and do not consider and treat us as such; and as you wish the chain of friendship to be kept bright between us, we expect that you will not fail to give us the desired satisfaction, as we should have given to you, had we been in the fault.

When you do this you will then send a gentleman into our land to renew friendship, as we have often gone into yours for such purposes.

By ALEXANDER M'GILLIVRAY.

In twenty days from the day that Mr. Galphin sets out, we shall expect the return of Mr. Galphin.

To the Fat King, and other head men of the Lower Creek nation.

WHEN we received your talk by Mr. Barnard, our commissary, we considered you as friends and brothers. In the one you now send us, there appears to be much reason to suspect you of deceit, and you were then, as well as now, secretly our enemies. Whether this change has been owing to the duplicity of your beloved man, Mr. M'Gillivray, or whether you assume this conduct it matters not. On what principle can you demand satisfaction? Your warriors were killed for the murder of our innocent inhabitants, committed by your nation in direct violation of the most solemn treaties entered into with us. We wished, and still do we wish we could forget the many and repeated injuries you have done us, during and since the late war with Great-Britain. It is in vain to talk of satisfaction. Did you not last summer kill six of our peaceable frontiers inhabitants? And did you not at Shoulder-Bone engage to have an equal number of your men put to death for them? Have you done this! No. Did you not, just before we received your last talk, murder two of our people on Oconee? And did you not also, at the time Mr. Barnard was down from you, kill two white men? Have you complied with a single article of the treaties of Augusta, Ganpinton, or Shoulder-Bone? No. Instead of complying with your several engagements you have repeatedly murdered our innocent people, burnt their houses, and carried off their property. All these outrages we have submitted to, rather than enter into a war with you. Your conduct toward us would long since have authorised our putting flame to your towns, and indiscriminately kill your people; but a wish to be at peace with you, and to spare the effusion of the human blood have prevented this. *Now* open your ears *wide*, and hear what we tell you: Should any acts of hostility or depredations be committed on our people by your nation, be perfectly assured we will not hesitate to do ourselves ample justice by carrying war into your country, burning your towns, and staining your land with blood. You will then be compelled to fly for refuge to some other country.

It now rests with you whether we engage in a war or not, if we do, remember yourselves are answerable for the consequences. The hatchet once lifted is not to be easily buried.

NEW-YORK, September 5.

The following pious fraud lately occurred at the opening of a new Methodistical Meeting at Bell bar, near Enfield Chace in England: A person, apparently a gentleman, passing by on horseback, and seeing a great number of people waiting at the doors after inquiring the cause, and understanding that it was the day appointed for the opening of the same by a minister from London, and that a collection was to be made, &c. waited till after the service began, when alighting from his horse, he went in, and joining in the service, in a short time pulled out a purse, and putting a guinea into his hat, went round the congregation, who influenced by this example, contributed very liberally. Though this conduct in a stranger was rather unaccountable, it passed off very well with the minister, who imputed his zeal to a sudden conversion of the subject; and collections in the middle of the service are common in conventicles. Notwithstanding this, the surprise of the whole congregation was inexpressible, when, instead of going into the vestry, they saw the new convert making towards the door; the minister and others called upon him to deliver up the charge, which he refused, saying, "My Brethren, *freely have ye given, and freely have I received*;" and instantly re-mounting his horse, which was an exceeding good one, he left the saints to expatiate on the damnable nature of apostacy.

ALEXANDRIA, September 20.

By a Gentleman who has arrived from Kentucky in 20 Days, we are informed, that the Report of many Families having been lately cut off by the Indians in Cumberland Settlement, is without Foundation; that in Consequence of such a Report being circulated in Kentucky the Militia was raised, but it being authentically contradicted, they were soon dismissed.

A London Paper of July 11. says, this Day Despatches were received from Charleston, South-Carolina, brought over in the Success, Capt. Nairn, which is arrived in the Downs. They are dated the 3d of June, and contain an Account of Trade being very brisk there, and the Arrival of a great many Ships from England. The above Ship has likewise brought over large Remittances.

Sir George Augustus Elliott, is created a Baron of the Kingdom of Great-Britain, by the Name, Style and Title of Lord Heathfield, Baron Heathfield of Gibraltar.

MARRIED.] Mr. RICHARD BOND to Miss POLLY GRAHAM, Daughter of Mr. JOHN GRAHAM.

Arrived. Schooner Hercules, Green, from St. Kitts.

☞ *Mrs. Kenna's Lectures, &c. will be exhibited To-Morrow Evening at Mr. Wise's Ball-Room, as will be expressed in the Bills.*

To the Writer who signs himself THEATRICUS.

From critics spleen no sure account he draws,
For just attention is sincere applause.——

SIR,

THE coat of Joseph and the dress of Harlequin were never composed of patchwork more general than is the style of your performance.—Your phraseology is injudiciously applied throughout all parts of it, and continually provokes a comparison unfavorable to the subject you have attempted.—You by a farrago of madness, absurdity and bombast aim, without hesitation to make mountains of mole-hills, and think the cause of virtue can be injured by Mr. J. K——'s simply smelling of a *garter*.—Is not the theatrical visitors rendered at times superlatively happy through the very channel you attempt to revile; and is not the approbation or disapprobation of the auditory at the time of exhibition preferable to your fulsome nonsense. It is mathematically demonstrable, Sir, that an unreasonable prejudice, excited by the most trivial apparent cause, may misguide public judgment and occasion it to crush and overthrow in one point the very fabric which in some other it has itself been attempting to rear.—But here I know your rhetoric and strength of lungs will have no weight, especially as the bulk of our little community is prompted by honest instinct and guided by wholesome prejudices.—Players like hosts willing to furnish their guests and oblige them at any rate, though contrary to the bill of fare, spare no expence in serving up the tinsel trappings of the muse and decorating with costly garnish the dish of public taste, and so fond are they of the favor and

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...bad will of their ſupporters, that, like Lord Townly in the play, "*they were willing to feed even their dullneſs to deſerve it.*"—The blockhead who affects wiſdom becauſe nature has given him dullneſs, becomes ridiculous only by his adopted character, whereas he might have ſtagnated in his native mud, or perhaps have engroſſed deeds, collected ſhells, and ſtudied heraldry or logic with ſome ſucceſs.

I would adviſe you, Sir, to alter your bill of fare to an Elephant, a Rhenoceros or an Alligator, and garniſh yourſelf with a ſimile from man's fleſh and muſhroom ſauce, the novelty will invite your gueſts and you will not betray a deficiency of erudition.

Mr. K——'s entertaining and ludicrous ſubſtitutions can ſcarcely be conſidered as a fault, ſince follies of this nature caſt ſuch a dimneſs before the eyes of their poſſeſſors, as is not to be cleared away, nor themſelves brought to ſee them at all but by the aſſiſtance of magnifying glaſſes: In ſhort, Sir, till we can make fools laugh at their own folly, there can be no hopes of their being cured of it; and though their hides may be ſo tough that a feather cannot tickle them, yet a curry comb may chance to make the ſame ſenſation and produce the effect deſired.

You adviſe that performer you ſay to commence author and try his hand at comedy or farce.—Let me tell you, Sir, that dramatic writings require a peculiar ſpecies of genius which neither learning nor criticiſm can create, and an idea of public taſte, which only a particular attention to an obſervation of that taſte can ever beſtow.

You ſay it is a diſputable matter whether ſtage performances (even under the moſt wiſe regulations) conduce to the improvement of morals.—I defy you, Sir, to adduce one ſingle inſtance of a country attaining a high pitch of glory, in which theatrical repreſentations has not been the chief incitement to virtuous and noble actions. I ſhall, Sir, take my leave of you for the preſent aſſuring you that an Indian, in a modern modiſh ſuit, or a dwarf in an enormous pair of jack boots, is not apparently more ridiculous than *you be* when you attempt to write about *plays*, of which you are as ignorant as the old woman in the new moon.—As it is more than probable I ſhall hear from you, I will at preſent indulge myſelf with admitting,

All thoſe who cannot write and thoſe who can
To rhyme and ſcrawl and ſcribble to a man,

or

NO MAN.

Public Vendue.

On Saturday next will be ſold at the Vendue-Store, oppoſite Col. Hooe's dwelling-houſe,

A Variety of Merchandiſe as uſual.

P. MARSTELLER, Vendue-Maſter.

Alexandria, Sept. 20, 1787.

To be Rented,

A LARGE commodious STORE-HOUSE in the town of Dumfries, as well ſituated as any in the town for buſineſs, being nearly in the centre of the main ſtreet, and between two inſpections.—It has a ſtore-room 18 by 20, a counting-room 16 by 16, a lodging-room 10 by 16, and a fourth room above, and a very dry cellar below, both the whole ſize of the houſe, which is 26 by 36 feet.—Poſſeſſion may be had immediately.

Alſo to be rented, at Fauquier Court-Houſe, a large and convenient STORE-HOUSE, with outhouſes, ſuch as a kitchen, ſtable and granary, with ſix acres of GROUND under good encloſure.—This ſtand is equal to any country place in the State for retailing of goods.—Poſſeſſion may be had at Chriſtmas for a year or a term of years.—For further information reſpecting both the houſes apply to

THOMAS LEE.

Dumfries, Sept. 17, 1787.

GOODS ſhipped on board the Williamſon, Capt. John Muir, from London, belonging to Mr. Robert Baylor, Caroline County, are lodged in Mr. Joſiah Watſon's Warehouſe, Alexandria, for payment of duties advanced by Capt. Muir, who has left for ſale a few hogſheads of PORTER with Col. Deakins, George-Town.

Sept. 18, 1787.

To be LET,

THAT commodious and well ſituated HOUSE, on Prince-ſtreet, now occupied by Meſſrs. WILLIAM LOWRY and Co. as a ſtore. Poſſeſſion will be given the 1ſt of October.——For particulars apply to

WILLIAMS, CAREY and Co.

Alexandria, September 20, 1787.

THERE is on the Subſcriber's plantation a ſtray OX, about 7 or 8 years old, of a red colour, with a few white hairs in his fore-top, a crop, ſlit and underkeel in the left ear, and a ſlit only in the right, and no other fleſh mark or brand perceivable, rather ſmall ſized for his age.——The owner is requeſted to prove property, pay charges and take him away.

JEAN MORTON.

Belvoir-Neck, Sept. 14, 1787.

Fall Goods.

Robinſon, Sanderſo

And

Rumney,

Have juſt received by the Wade, ... James Grayſon, a valuable a... general Cargo of

European Goo...

Suitable to the approaching Sea... they are now opening for ſa... Wholeſale Store on Fairfax-S... andria.

Sept. 19, 1787.

[*Particulars will be inſerted in...*

THE Copartnerſhip of ... LYLES and CO. havi... ſolved by conſent of parties, the ... authoriſed to ſettle all accounts ... and requeſts all thoſe indebted ... payment.——He propoſes carry... of the DISTILLERY in the uſua... he has excellent and convenient ſtore... reception of flour, &c. he will ſtore it ... reaſonable terms.

JOHN FITZGER...

Alexandria, Sept. 10, 1787.

To GERRARD T. CONN.

IN an advertiſement of the 6th inſtant, you affirm that you owe me little or nothing.—In the Journal of the 13th you ſeem to forget yourſelf, a common caſe with certain characters, whilſt you admit that you owe me £. 100.—It is well a man of your firmneſs ſhould happen to drop even this conceſſion to a much injured creditor.

Previous to the 1ſt of November, 1784, my accounts againſt you amounted to £. 217 18 10.—On that day you purchaſed goods to the amount of £. 550, for which I obtained your note.——The various artifices and ſubterfuges, by which you have delayed payment, can only be conceived by ſuch as know you, and ſuch as you. With ſuch topics I wiſh not to tire or offend the public eye or ear; if I can avoid a newſpaper war, which Gerrard T. Conn has commenced againſt me, in a manner conſonant with his own peculiar talents and diſpoſition.

Excluſive of the above ſpecified, you obtained from me a loan of 300 dollars, which you earneſtly ſolicited, pitiouſly alledging that you ſhould loſe a bargain worth £. 1000, beſides a forfeiture of £. 100 in caſe you failed one day in the firſt payment. Your ſad moans procured my dollars, for which I took the following note, including the collateral ſecurity of your precious character.

"Received of James Rattle three hundred dollars, which ſum I am to repay again on demand, or forfeit ſix hundred dollars and be a damned raſcal in the bargain, as witneſs my hand, this 1ſt of November, 1784.

"GERRARD T. CONN."

This note remaining unpaid, though often demanded, leaves ſuch a ſample of your character on record, that they who have heard of you, and will peruſe it, will give you credit for nothing.—At leaſt, the man who can ſo cheaply ſtake his own fame ſhould have no credit for daring ſlander and impudent invective, unleſs ſuch vulnerable characters as his own ſhould be their ſubject.——Even in ſuch a caſe doubts may juſtly ariſe.—In the mean while, I have this conſolation that no ſlander, from any man of credit has yet attacked my character. Perhaps Meſſrs. Williams, Cary and Co. may condeſcend to inform any inquirer, whether you have really paid £. 410 in caſh, as you affirm in your laſt advertiſement. If you have, it may be conſidered as a miracle of Gerrard T. Conn's veracity and punctuality, without affecting the character of the public's moſt humble ſervant,

JAMES RATTLE.

Alexandria, Sept. 20, 1787.

NOTICE is hereby given, that the Subſcriber did on the 3d of July laſt take up on his own plantation in Prince-William County, near Occoquan-Ferry, TWO STRAY MARES, deſcribed and valued as follows, viz. A dark brown trotting mare, about 13¼ hands high, not docked, and branded on the near buttock but the brand cannot be underſtood, has loſt the right eye, about 4 years old laſt ſpring, and valued to £. 5 currency.—The other is a ſtrawberry roan pacing mare, her near hind foot and near half way up her leg white, has a long dock, no perceivable brand, about 13 hands 3 inches high, 8 years old, and valued to £. 8 currency.——The owner on proving them and paying charges is deſired to take them away.

JOHN HOOE.

September 17, 1787.

CAME to the plantation of the Subſcriber, living about 4 miles from Alexandria, about three months ago, a BAY HORSE, between 14 and 15 hands high, has a ſtar in his forehead, one of his hind feet white, and his tail cut.—Whoever owns the ſaid horſe may have him again by paying the charges, otherwiſe he will be ſold as the law directs.

JOHN HARPER.

September 20, 1787.

SAMUEL ARMSTEAD, Meſſrs. Aſhton and Co. Mary Aſmon.

B.

Doctor Baker, William Baty, Henry Budd, William Bell, Samuel M. Brown, John Bliſs, Richard Bourke, Archibald Boyd, John Bernard, Richard Boyce, William Buſhby, Major Bailey, Thomas Barwis, John Bredin.

C.

Thomas Clark, Richard Conway, James Craik, jun. Clark and O'Ryan, Clark and Gray, Robert Coupar, James Campbell, William Cunningham, Robert Conway and Co. William Clark, George Chapman, Giles Cook, Iſaac Caverly.

D.

James Ducamp, Samuel Davis, John B. Dabney, Auguſtus Delarue, Mr. Date, Charles Drum, Benjamin Dubois, Thomas Diggs.

E.

William Elzey, John Earnſhaw.

F.

Philip R. Fendall, Matthew Fitzgibbon, James Fletcher, Michael Flinn, John Fouſhee, Samuel B. Fagar, the Executors of Daniel French.

G.

Ann Garvey, William Gray, George Green, Robert Greaves, George Gilbert, Jean Gebo, John Grain, Alexander Gordon, George Gilpin, John Gardner, Thomas Gatte.

H.

Gilbert Harrow, John Hickman and Co. B. A Hamp, George Hunter, James Hughes, John Harper, John Hodgſon, Andrew Hays, James Haley, Charles Holliday, John C. Hunter, James Hall.

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Gilbert Imley, Thomas James, William Irwin.

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J. Kearſley.

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Jeremiah Mahony, Iſaac M'Kennedy, Cornelius M'Donnell, John Mullowney, Montgomery and Ward, William Mulkere, Doctor Marſhall, James M'Cormick, Ann M'Mahon, John Moſs.

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R.

James Rattle, Thomas Reed, John Ratcliff.

S.

Monſeigneur Stapleton, Nathaniel Stowe, Samuel Shid, Buckner Stith, J. H. Stone and Co. William Shakeſpear, Johannah Stubblefield, William Scott, William Shepherd, Elizabeth Serjeant, Alexander Skinner, Peter Savary.

T.

Captain Thomas Triplett, Samuel Tergart, Levi Talbot, Captain William Traverſe, Francis Tolſon.

V.

Robert Vincent.

W.

Elizabeth Williams, Mr. Ward, Morris Worrill, Philip Webſter, Elijah Worrington, Joſeph Wylde, Nathaniel Waſhington, Edmund Warner.

Alexandria, Sept. 20, 1787.

C A S H

Given for clean Linen and Cotton

RAGS,

At the Printing-Office.

all thoſe that I owe, &c. &c. and do owe them, to bring in their accounts that they may be adjuſted and paid by myſelf in my life-time—for I am determined to have my accounts ſettled (if poſſible) and that ſpeedily, as I intend once more to croſs the Atlantic. By this method I mean to prevent accounts being trumped up againſt my eſtate after I am gone, that probably would never have appeared had I been on the ſpot, or alive.—For in the courſe of thirty odd years that I have been in buſineſs too many accounts of this deſcription have I ſeen.—There is on hand about a thouſand pounds firſt coſt of choice GOODS, that may be had on good terms.—Alſo, TWO LOTS, one of them improved on and both have lately been fenced in.—Alſo ſome NEGROES that I will either ſell or hire.

JOHN MUIR.

Alexandria, Feb. 1, 1787.

N. B. I hereby forewarn all perſons from dealing with any of my ſervants in any manner whatever, except it be by my particular orders; as I ſhall deal with them as the law directs.

Lands for Sale.

I HAVE 1000 acres in Berkeley County, of the firſt quality, which I purpoſe to ſell.—The tract may be divided into two or three compact and convenient farms.—It is ſituated about 3 miles from Keys's-Ferry over Shenandoah, 5 from Harper's-Ferry over Potomack, 9 from Sheppard's-Town, 14 from Martinſburg, 20 from Winchester, and 60 from Alexandria.

If no agreeable propoſal is made for this land, before or at the October Jockey Club Races at this town, I will offer my land on Maſſaponax, containing 1097 acres, for ſale.—It lays between 5 and 6 miles below Frederickſburg, and about 2 miles from Rappahannock River.——I have alſo ſome well improved LOTS in this town, for ſale or to rent, and ſome unimproved for ſale.

CHARLES YATES.

Frederickſburg, Auguſt 6, 1787.

Twenty Dollars Reward.

RAN away from the Potomack Company, on Friday night the 17th inſtant, the two following Iriſh ſervant men, viz. PHILIP BLAKE, 26 years of age, 5 feet 8½ inches high, well made, good face, large blue eyes, and thick buſhy fair hair tied behind; he is a writer or ſchoolmaſter by occupation: He had on when he went away, a long blue coat with yellow buttons, buff coloured caſſimer under jacket, double breaſted with yellow buttons, oſnaburg ſhirt and trouſers, and country made ſhoes nailed in the heels, and holes punched in the vamps.——HUGH TAYLOR, 23 years of age, 6 feet 5 inches high, handſome face, ſmiling countenance, fair hair, and is a ſtone-cutter by trade: He had on when he went away, an oſnaburg ſhirt and trouſers, hat and ſhoes, and no other clothes, but probably may have ſtolen ſome, as he is a great villian, this being the fifth time he has ran away from the Company, and has been lately whipped.——Whoever takes up the ſaid ſervants and ſecures them ſo that they are got again, ſhall have if taken five miles from home, FIVE DOLLARS for each, and if taken at a greater diſtance the above reward, or TEN DOLLARS for each, and reaſonable charges if brought home.

RICHARDSON STUART.

Great-Falls of Potomack, Auguſt 23, 1787.

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Foolſcap, pot, thick and thin letter paper plain or gilt,
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Quills, inkpowder, deſk ink-pots and cheſts,
Sealing-wax, wafers,
Slates, letter caſes,
Charts of St. George's channel, Weſt-Indian pilots, Straits ditto,
Charts of the mouth of the Thames, &c.
New whole duty of man,
Burkit on the new teſtament,
Backgammon tables,
Geographical and meſſage cards,
With a variety of jewelry and ſeveral other articles in the ſtationary line too tedious to mention.

Alexandria, Auguſt 2, 1787.

ALL perſons having claims againſt the eſtate of JOHN REMNANT, deceaſed, are requeſted to bring them in properly atteſted, ſo as the Subſcriber may be able to cloſe the affairs of the deceaſed according to law.

WILLIAM ANDERSON, Executor

Alexandria, Auguſt 2, 1787.

Contracts for the Year 1788.

GENERAL POST-OFFICE,
New-York, Auguſt 1, 1787.

PROPOSALS will be received at this office until the fifteenth day of October next for the tranſportation of the public mails, by ſtage carriages, from Portland, in Maſſachuſetts, to Savannah, in Georgia, for one year, commencing the 1ſt of January, 1788.

The following will be conſidered as indiſpenſible articles of the contracts:—

That there be, in each carriage, a ſecure and convenient place, with a good lock and key to it, to be appropriated ſolely to the reception of the mail.

That the mail be carried between Portland, in Maſſachuſetts, and Suffolk, in Virginia, thrice in each week from May 1ſt to November 1ſt, and twice in each week from November 1ſt to May 1ſt.

And that it be carried, between Suffolk aforeſaid, and Savannah, in Georgia, twice in each week from May 1ſt to November 1ſt, and once in each week from November 1ſt to May 1ſt.

That there be ſtated hours of arrival at, and departure from each poſt-office; and a reaſonable time allowed for making up a mail to be forwarded from each; and that, in order to aſcertain the times of arrival and departure, the driver of each ſtage ſhall carry a way-bill, to be furniſhed by the Poſt-Maſter-General.

That the proprietors of the ſtages ſhall be anſwerable for the care and fidelity of the perſons they ſhall employ in tranſporting the mail; and in caſe of the ſtages being delayed by accident, the mail ſhall be forwarded at the expence of the proprietors, ſo as to arrive at each office at the ſtated hours.

Bonds to be given, with two ſufficient ſureties, for the performance of each contract, and the cuſtomary oaths to be taken both by the proprietors and drivers.

In caſe of a coalition exiſting, or being hereafter formed (before the expiration of the contract) between two lines of ſtages upon the ſame rout, it will be expected that the contracting proprietors ſhall be anſwerable that no letters ſhall be carried by the ſtages of the other line, to the prejudice of the revenue of the General-Poſt-Office.

The neceſſary portmanteaux and bags will be furniſhed at the expence of the United States; and payment will be made quarterly, the penalties for failures (if any) being firſt deducted.

Propoſals for *Contracts* for the following

CROSS-ROADS

Will be received until the firſt day of December next, viz.

From Portland to Pownalborough, in the State of Maſſachuſetts.

From the city of New-York to the city of Albany.

From the city of New-York, by the way of Danbury, to Hartford, in Connecticut.

From the city of Philadelphia to the town of Vienna, in Maryland.

From the town of Baltimore to the city of Annapolis, in Maryland.

From the city of Annapolis to Leonard's-Town, in St. Mary's county, by the rout of Upper-Marlborough, Piſcataway, and Port-Tobacco.

From the city of Philadelphia to the town of Bedford, in Pennſylvania.

From Frederickſburg, in Virginia, to Hobb's-Hole, on Rappahannock river, and from thence to the port of entry on Yecomico, upon Potomack river, and from thence to Urbanna, the port of entry on Rappahannock river.

From the town of Wilmington to Fayette-Ville, in the State of North-Carolina, by the route of Elizabeth-Town.

From Fayette-Ville, in North-Carolina, to Camden, in South-Carolina, and from thence to Charleſton, in the ſame State.

And from Camden, by the route of Columbia, to Auguſta, in Georgia.

The contracts for the Croſs-Roads are to commence on the 1ſt of January next, and continue for a year. The buſineſs muſt be conducted at the expence of the contractor, who will have an excluſive privilege of carrying letters and packets for hire, on the route he contracts for; and all the poſtage and other emoluments ariſing therefrom. The poſtage charged on thoſe roads muſt not exceed the rates from time to time fixed by the United States in Congreſs aſſembled, for the poſtage of letters and packets on the main poſt roads.

To prevent expence and inconvenience to perſons diſpoſed to contract, either for the mail or croſs-roads, they are informed that a *perſonal* attendance is unneceſſary at preſent: It will be ſufficient if they ſend their propoſals in writing to the Poſt-Maſter-General, at his office, No. 29, Broadway, New-York.

By order of the Poſt Maſter-General,

JAMES BRYSON, *Aſſiſtant.*

☞ The PRINTERS in the ſeveral States are requeſted to give the above a place in their newſpapers.

New-York, Auguſt 9, 1787.

☞ A great variety of BLANKS, printed on good Paper, may be had at the Printing-Office.

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September 17, 1787.

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Dumfries, Sept. 17, 17

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Sept. 18, 1787.

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Alexandria, September

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Belvoir-Neck, Sept. 14,